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Signed at Tokyo on this
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Witness: /s/ Nagaharu Odo

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I, John Curtis, hereby certify that I am associated with the General Headquarters of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and that the above described document was obtained by me from the above signed official of the Japanese Government in the conduct of my official business.

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/s/ J. A. Curtis 2d Lt.
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ビ新西蘭ノ俘虜ニ準用スルモノトス
ニ俘虜ニ對スル食料及衣料ノ補給ニ關シテハ帝
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- concerning the
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